

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., Monday, June 22, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

Excused Absence: None

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, June 8, 2015 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan to grant the request of Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc. to address the council regarding their services and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Jason Perry, President of Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc. briefly explained his company's procedures to maximize local revenues by using technology to analyze telecommunication, sales and utility taxes. A full presentation was made earlier in the evening to the Finance Committee. Discussion followed.

Attorney McPhedran indicated for the record that representatives of AmAudit, who also presented information about their tax audit services to the City Council at the May 26, 2015, meeting are present.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 502 Edwards Avenue to replace rotted transformer pole and 4th and La Fayette Streets to replace street light pole.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Schneider to grant a request to Hegeler Carus Foundation for a 2015 Raffle License.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to deny the request from the Voluntary Action Center for a monetary donation to its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale on Thursday, August 20, 2015 to benefit the Meals on Wheels program.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant and place on file the request by Lonestar Industries for an easement across the former Illinois Valley and Northern Railroad Company right-of-way and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Attorney McPhedran indicated for the record that there will be an associated ordinance with this and it is subject to working out language in regard to preserving and protecting the City's use and also making certain they are responsible for repairing any damage and exploring if we need and would get a reciprocal easement from Lonestar regarding their properties.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: Alderman Duncan, Alderman Herndon

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to refer the request by Tieman Builders, Inc. and Dean Tieman individually for additional variances on premises located on the northwest corner of 8th and Joliet Streets. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for May 2015 showing total fees collected of \$1,337.20 with total value of construction of \$309,961. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for March 2015 of \$76,664.54 and referendum approved sales tax of \$32,636.80 for a total of \$109,301.34. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee and deny the request of Mark Hunter to install a "No Parking" sign at 1866 La Harpe Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Grove gave representatives of AmAudit the opportunity to address the council. President of AmAudit, Greg Karr, stated that he believed everything was covered in the presentation his company did on May 26, 2015. Alderman Lavieri inquired if AmAudit provides sales tax audit review as part of their services. Mr. Karr explained that sales tax is not their focus. He explained that they focus on areas where they believe there is the most opportunity to recover revenue and their core business is not in that area.

Attorney McPhedran explained that any motion made regarding either company is subject to the ordinance passing and the ordinance is subject to working out language in the agreements with either entity. He added that both companies stated they are willing to work on the language and they understand entering into an agreement is subject to the final approval of the Mayor, Finance Director and the Economic Development Director as well Attorney McPhedran's office.

Mr. Karr from AmAudit, stated that he believed his company was the one to create interest in the City of La Salle with this process. He added that it appears the City is now going through a process to select a

vendor. Mr. Karr stated that he felt his company did not have the benefit of going through a more formal process which would allow them to present a more detailed outline of their services. He added that his company has not spent a lot of time evaluating opportunity for the City of La Salle as they were more or less investigating the level of interest the City had in this type of service. After the meeting on May 26 he believed a genuine interest was shown. Mr. Karr stated that he would have liked to have seen a formal process set to establish a vendor. Mayor Grove stated that at Finance meeting held earlier in the evening, Azavar also did a very basic presentation similar to the presentation AmAudit did in May. No specific information was presented it was more of a broad outline of services. Mayor Grove also added that the City had been exploring other means to increase revenue prior to AmAudit contacting the City to present their services.

Attorney McPhedran stated Mr. Furrer of AmAudit knew a decision would be made tonight and was told his company would have an opportunity to be heard and present any additional information about their services. Attorney McPhedran reiterated that it was made clear that this City is transparent and wants to be fair to all entities involved. He added that the City also researched other companies and these two companies made the final cut. Mr. Karr stated that he was not aware of that fact.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes to change the order of the agenda and consider the ordinance concerning the selection of an entity to perform certain audits.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Alderman Duncan stated that both companies did a good job presenting and they both have a large number of clients that they perform well for, however Azavar is a little less of a cut and also provides sales tax audits therefore :

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Ptak to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2577** authorizing entry into Agreement with Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc. in regard to the performance of certain audits potentially including Electric, Telecom, Cable and Gas Utility Service Tax and/or Franchise Fees, and/or Sales Tax and/or Utility Costs and Related Matters subject to further negotiation of language in the agreement with the City Attorney. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2577: authorizing entry into Agreement with Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc. in regard to the performance of certain audits potentially including Electric, Telecom, Cable and Gas Utility Service Tax and/or Franchise Fees, and/or Sales Tax and/or Utility Costs and Related Matters.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded Alderman Duncan by that if we fail to reach an agreement with Azavar Audit Services, Inc. then the City will then negotiate an agreement with AmAudit.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to authorize, pay, and place on file \$3,850.00 to Illinois Valley Surveying & Consultants, Inc. for topographic survey of Raccuglia Drive from Chartres Street west to the Truckomat. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Alderman Duncan stated that he had received several calls from residents who were confused about the electric aggregation program and asked Economic Development Director Don Aleksy to explain the program further and also asked the press to report on the information. Mr. Aleksy explained that residents who did not choose to opt out of the Constellation program are receiving a letter from Ameren notifying them of the upcoming change. Residents who did nothing, who did not opt out of the program, will automatically switch to Constellation for their residential electric rate in July. Residents should note that they will continue to receive bills from Ameren, budget billing programs will remain in effect and Ameren should still be contacted in the event of a power outage. The one year contract with Constellation results in a 10% savings in electric rates until October and then jumps to a 17% savings beginning in October.

Alderman Reynolds again asked residents to clean up after their dogs.

Alderman Bacidore expressed the positive comments he has heard regarding the growth of the downtown area and how the new parking lot has beautified Second Street. He expressed his concerns again with the on-going issues with the Kaskaskia and asked that we invite Mr. Blouke Carus and his attorneys to address the council on the status of the project so that the public is aware. Mayor Grove asked the City Clerk to invite representatives of the Kaskaskia to attend the July 6, 2015 City Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove reminded everyone that Celebrate La Salle begins on Thursday, June 25. The festival will run from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and the car show will begin on Saturday, June 27 at 8:00 a.m. and festivities will run until midnight. A shuttle bus will run continuously from three locations, First and Crosat Streets, Hegeler Park and the La Salle Speedway. There will also be some on-site parking at Rotary Park.

Finance Director John Duncan informed the council that the public should receive water bills by Wednesday and all information regarding Celebrate La Salle will be on the billing message.

Alderman Reynolds reminded the public that there is a parade scheduled for July 4, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. The public is welcome to participate.

Mayor Grove had to unexpectedly leave the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to appoint Alderman Tom Ptak as Mayor Pro-Tem in the absence of Mayor Grove.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve and place on file

Ordinance 2578: An ordinance Regarding Lease of Municipal Property (1153 Crosat) with the fee being waived. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

**Ordinance 2578— An ordinance Regarding
Lease of Municipal Property (1153 Crosat)
with the fee being waived.**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve and place on file

Ordinance 2579: An ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Intergovernmental Agreement by and Between The City of La Salle and Dimmick Community Consolidated School District No. 175. (TIF IV) Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: Alderman Lavieri

Motion Carried 7-0

Ordinance 2579– Approving and Authorizing the Execution of An Intergovernmental Agreement by and Between The City of La Salle and Dimmick Community Consolidated School District No. 175. (TIF IV)

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve and place on file
Ordinance 2580: An ordinance Authorizing Non-Exclusive Easement between the City of LaSalle and Lone Star, Inc., a Delaware Corporation (now referred to as Buzzi Unicem) subject to the provisions referenced earlier and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: Alderman Duncan, Alderman Herndon

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2580– Authorizing Non-Exclusive Easement between the City of LaSalle and Lone Star, Inc., a Delaware Corporation (now referred to as Buzzi Unicem) and related matters.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve and place on file
Ordinance 2581: An ordinance Authorizing Redevelopment Agreement between the City of LaSalle and Beck Oil Company of Illinois, Inc. and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2581– Authorizing Redevelopment Agreement between the City of LaSalle and Beck Oil Company of Illinois, Inc. and related matters.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve and place on file
Ordinance 2582: An ordinance Updating and Revising Ordinances Ordinance Authorizing Amendment to Water Ordinance No. 2237 and related Matter. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2582– Updating and Revising Ordinances Ordinance Authorizing Amendment to Water Ordinance No. 2237 and related Matter.

COMMENTS

Pat Berry of Beck Oil Company thanked the City for their cooperation. The new store is set to open by the end of the week.

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that bills submitted totaling \$362,240.53 (Total Payroll \$167,487.96, Bills to be Paid \$181,029.21, Total Bills Paid \$13,723.36) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:54 p.m.

Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk